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### **Forestry Commission Reports Timber Damage at \$19 Million**

Jackson, MS--The Mississippi Forestry Commission reports the value of timber damaged by the tornado activity on April 24, 2010, at \$19,084,878.

According to an assessment report prepared by the Forestry Commission and submitted today to Governor Barbour and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the total area directly impacted by the tornado consists of 62,603 acres in ten counties, of which 40,897 acres are forested. From west to east following the path of the tornado, these counties are Issaquena (\$1,037,009 of timber damage), Sharkey (\$123,312), Warren (\$593,132), Yazoo (\$7,334,950), Holmes (\$5,848,806), Attala (\$2,969,527), Choctaw (\$968,660), Oktibbeha (\$29,718), Clay (\$88,004), and Monroe (\$91,760).

The value of hardwood timber damaged is \$15,906,691; pine timber damaged is \$2,571,677; and mixed pine/hardwood timber damaged is \$606,510. The storm impacted most types of land ownership, including private, state public lands (including 16<sup>th</sup> Section School Trust lands), urban, national forests, and national wildlife refuge lands.

The Forestry Commission will post additional information concerning the timber damage assessment and storm recovery tips on its Web site at [www.mfc.ms.gov](http://www.mfc.ms.gov).

The Forestry Commission's timber damage assessment does not account for individual or yard tree damage. The intent of the assessment is to identify damage to timber stands of commercial value and to facilitate timber salvage operations, if needed.

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